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I.C.P.O. Bulletin (February 21-29, 2008)
Islands, Castles & Portable Operations.
Listing is by calendar date (day/month/year)
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F6FYD/HH2FYD - Yannick will leave Haiti early next month. He will try to go to St. Martin (FS/F6FYD) on Saturday March 8 to 9 and then he will go to St. Barthelemy until March 12 and back to St. Martin and France. QSL via home call. [F6AJA]

22/02/2008: Phil/G3SWH and Jim/G3RTE will be active as 8R1PW from Georgetown, Guyana, February 22-29th. They will operate CW only on 160-10 meters, and will concentrate on the low bands, and on 30, 12 and 17 meters (activity on 160m is possible, but will depend upon QRN and site conditions). Propagation permitting, they plan to have two stations on the air for as many hours every day as is possible. QSL via G3SWH, direct or bureau (for on-line requests for bureau cards please use the form at www.g3swh.org.uk/form.html). Logs will be available on www.g3swh.org.uk after the expedition, and will be uploaded to LoTW about one year later. [425 DX News]

22/02/2008: Wong, VR2KW, will be active from the Fo-Shan Amateur Radio Club (Grid OL63NA), using the club call BY7PP on February 22nd and 23rd. QRV on 50-144-432-EME, using 2x6ele Max 100W on 6m; 2x9ele Max 300W (main band) on 2m; and 2x20ele Max 70W on 70cm. QSL via BA7NQ (QRZ.com). [MMMonVHF]

22/02/2008: Jean Mary, F8CHM will sign FR5EZ from Reunion Island (AF-016, DIFO FR-001 for the French Overseas Islands Award, WLOTA LH-1812 between February 22nd and March 21st. QRV on all HF bands plus 50MHz, using CW and SSB. QSL via home call. [F5NQL]

22/02/2008: Art, NN7A will operate as V31JZ/p from South Water Caye, Belize (NA-180) from February 22-26th. This will be a one-person operation using a 100 watt transceiver with vertical and wire antennas. Operation will be mostly CW on 40-10m including WARC bands, with some 80m and 160m. Some SSB on 20m and 15m IOTA frequencies is possible, conditions permitting. No skeds, please. Operation will be from a cottage on the beach using battery and solar power. QSL direct via NN7A (Art Phillips, P.O. Box 73, Eckert, CO 81418 USA), or via the ARRL bureau. There will be no on-line logs, and email contact will not be possible while on the island. [F5NQL]

23/02/2008: Carlos, EA1DVY will be active February 23rd-March 3rd from Monaco as 3A/EA1DVY. Will be mainly on topband SSB, around 1843. Also will participate in the CQ WW 160 DX SSB (February 23-24th) and ARRL Internacional DX SSB (March 1-2nd). QSL via EA1DVY. [Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

23/02/2008: Siso, HK3W will be active from Colombia as 5K3W during the CQ 160-Meter SSB Contest (February 23-24th) as a Single-Op/Low-Power entry, using a dipole and 100w. QSL direct only. [NG3K]

23/02/2008: Nick, G3RWF reports that he will be returning to Uganda between February 23rd and March 22nd. This will largely be a holiday

style operation, using the call sign 5X1NH. QSL via home call. [NG3K]

23/02/2008: Look for Tom/N1GN, Bill/NE1B and Karney/W2AFC to be active as C6ANM from New Providence Island [Nassau] (NA-001, WLOTA LH-1115) during the CQ 160-Meter SSB Contest (February 23-24th) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via LoTW. [NG3K]

23/02/2008: Operators Stefano/IK2QEI, Matt/IK2SGC and Saaid/CN8WW will be QRV as CN3A from Safi, Morocco, for the CQ 160-Meter SSB Contest, as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via I2WIJ. [NG3K]

23/02/2008: Costantino, HI3CCP plans to be QRV as HI3C from Loma del Toro, Dominican Republic (NA-096, WLOTA LH-2974) during the CQ 160-Meter SSB Contest as a Single-Op/Low-Power entry. QSL via ON4IQ. [NG3K]

23/02/2008: Ted, HI3TEJ will be active as HI3T from the Dominican Republic (NA-096, WLOTA LH-2974) during the CQ 160-Meter SSB Contest (February 23-24th), as a Single-Op/Low-Power entry. QSL via ON4IQ. [OPDX Bulletin]

23/02/2008: Look for Siso, HK3W to be QRV from Colombia in the CQ 160-Meter SSB Contest, using a dipole antenna, as a Single-Op/Low-Power entry. QSL via the information at QRZ.com and also via LoTW. [F5NQL]

23/02/2008: Look for Raffaele, IH9YMC to be QRV from Pantelleria Island (AF-018, IIA TP-001, MIA MI-124, WLOTA LH-0041, WW Loc. JM56XT), African Italy, as a Single-Op/Low-Power entry in the CQ 160-Meter SSB Contest. QSL direct only. [NG3K]

23/02/2008: Pier, W1NA will show up as IH9/W1NA from Pantelleria Island (AF-018, IIA TP-001, MIA MI-124, WLOTA LH-0041), in the CQ 160-Meter SSB Contest, as a Single-Op/High-Power entry. QSL via home call. [NG3K]

23/02/2008: Look for Philippe, LX2A to be QRV from Eschdorf, Luxembourg, as LX7I for the CQ 160-Meter SSB Contest, as a Single-Op entry. QSL via LX2A. [NG3K]

23/02/2008: Activation of Honeymoon (NA-034, USi FL-017S, Pinellas county), Florida. The Mid Florida DX Association will be holding a Special Event Station in memory of Founder and 1st Club President Dan W2NDP SK. Dan became a SK in August 2006. Dan was an avid DXer for over 45 years. His loss is felt by to the entire Amateur community locally and world wide. Dan started operating Honeymoon Island in 2003 while a member of STARC (Sheriff's Tactical Amateur Radio Communications). Later Dan and several other members operated from Gasparilla Island (NA-069) in addition to Honeymoon Island (NA-034). This is a one day operation on February 23rd. using the special call sign N2D. Operators mentioned are Tony/N2MFT, Steve/KS4WA and Budd/N4WBJ. Bands will be 20 metres, 15 meters and maybe 17 meters (depending on propagation) and the IOTA frequencies will be used +/- QRM. QSL via W4FDX, direct or bureau. No E-QSL! Website: www.w4fdx.com/ [RSGB IOTA]

23/02/2008: Loof for Jukka, OH4MFA to be active from Kustavi Island (EU-096) February 23-24, including an entry in the CQ 160-Meter SSB Contest. Outside the contest he will be QRV using CW on 20, 30 and 40 meters with 100W and vertical antennas. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [RSGB IOTA]

23/02/2008: Look for Frans, ON4LBN/p to be active February 23rd from the Castle Bel Air (BCA reference NM-027 for the Belgium Castles Award),

located at 5030 Yvoir. QRV 80 and 40 meter SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [ON4LBN]

23/02/2008: Boris, RW9TP will be active February 23-24th as RW9TP/9 from RDA district BA-69 (Salavatsky area), Republic of Bashkortostan (designation 'BA' for Rossija award, Oblast # 84). QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [RX3RC]

23/02/2008: Tom, KC0W will be active from St. Helena Island (AF-022) as ZD7X during the CQ 160-Meter SSB Contest (February 23-24th) as a Single-Op/Low Power entry. QSL via W0MM (see QRZ.com). [NG3K]

24/02/2008: Kevin, M0XLT reports that the Craven Radio Amateur Group will be active February 24th as MX0BCQ/A and will activate WAB square SD84 YSN, for the "Worked All Britain" and ISWL "Monitor" awards. QRV on HF and VHF. QSL via the information at QRZ.com under MX0BCQ. [Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

24/02/2008: Bil, W8EB will be active February 24th to March 23rd as PJ7/W8EB from the island of Sint Maarten (NA-105). QRV holiday style on 160-10 meters, using SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK-31. Bil will also participate in the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 1-2nd) as PJ7B, a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. All QSL requests via W8EB. [NG3K]

24/02/2008: Timo, OH1NOA, will be active from Costa Rica as TI5/OH0NOA, February 24-25th. Bands and modes of activity were not provided. QSL via LoTW. [OPDX Bulletin]

25/02/2008: Willi, DJ7RJ will be active from Crete (SV9, EU-015, MIA MGC-005, WLOTA LH-1400) from February 25th to March 15th. He plans to operate CW and SSB on 160-10 metres. QSL via home call. [425 DX News]

26/02/2008: Ulli, DL2AH plans to be active holiday style as VP8/DL2AH from Pebble Island, Falkland Islands (SA-002), between February 26th and March 13th. QRV 40-10m with FT897 and Windom antenna, using mainly SSB with some RTTY. QSL via DL2AH, direct (QRZ.com) or by the bureau. [NG3K]

27/02/2008: Sigi, DL7DF with his XYL Sabine will be on a DX holiday to Kenya from February 27th to March 11th. The location will be Diani Beach at the coastline of Kenya. QRV as 5Z4HW (holiday style) on 160-10m CW, SSB, RTTY and SSTV. Sigi will use an IC735 and linear TY900, R7 vertical and 18m tower for 160 and 80m. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

28/02/2008: Operators Mike/W1USN, Bob/AA1M and Scott/W1SSR will be operating as V4/homecall from the island of St. Kitts (NA-104) starting February 28th until March 2008. They will be using CW, SSB and PSK on 160m to 10m. QSL via CBA. [OPDX]

Be sure to check Bill's (NG3K) Web site for updated CQ 160-Meter SSB Contest activity at: ng3k.com/Misc/cq160s2008.html

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LOOKING AHEAD -

01/03/2008: Tom, W2SC will be QRV as 8P1A in the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 1-2nd) from Barbados (NA-021, also count for WLOTA LH-0999), as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via NN1N. [NG3K]

01/03/2008: 12 members of the Southeastern DX Club will be operating TI50DX (Tango India Five Zero Delta Xray) during the upcoming ARRL DX

SSB Contest (March 1-2nd) from Costa Rica. This activity is part of the celebration of the SEDXC's 50th anniversary. QSL via N4NX (William T Barr, 355 Westerhall Ct., Atlanta, GA 30328 USA). Look for the operators to be using their individual call signs prior to the contest. [NG3K]

01/03/2008: Charlie/K1XX and Marty/W1MD (V26F) will be active from Antigua (NA-100, WLOTA LH-1118) for the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 1-2nd) as V26X, a Multi-Single entry. QSL via K1XX. [NG3K]

05/03/2008: Bernhard, DL2GAC, will be QRV as H44MS from Honiara, Guadalcanal Island (OC-047, also count for WLOTA LH-0086), March 5th to April 27th. As usual Bernhard confirms all QSL cards via bureau or direct very reliably after his return home. [DX Newsletter]

06/03/2008: Rosel, DL3KWR and Hardy, DL3KWF will be active again as CT3/DL3KWR and CT3/DL3KWF from Madeira Island (AF-014, DIP MA-001, WLOTA LH-0053) between March 6-20th. They plan to operate mostly CW and digital modes on 12, 17 and 30 meters. Hardy will try also in RTTY and PSK-31. QSL via home calls. E-mail requests for bureau cards can be sent to: dl3kwr -at- darc.de or dl3kwf -at- darc.de respectively. [425 DX News]

06/03/2008: Members of the Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club will be operating as K6PV from the settlement of Two Harbors on Santa Catalina Island (NA-066, USi CA-016S, Los Angeles county), California, between 2200z March 6th to 2300z March 10th. Principal operations will be on 20m, 40m and 75m SSB. QSL direct to K6PV (QRZ.com). More info at: www.palosverdes.com/pvarc [RSGB IOTA]

18/03/2008: Ulli, DL2AH will be active holiday style as CE0Z/DL2AH from Isla Robinson Crusoe (DICE ICE-004, WLOTA LH-0153) Juan Fernandez Archipelago (SA-005), March 18th to April 7th. Activity will be mainly 40-10m SSB and RTTY using a FT897 and Windom antenna. QSL via DL2AH, direct (QRZ.com) or by the bureau. [NG3K]

20/03/2008: Kevan, 2E0WMG and Mark, M0MJH will be active from the Isle of Jersey (EU-013, WLOTA LH-0818) as 2J0WMG and MJ0MJH, respectively, between March 20th and 26th. They also hope to activate Les Minquiers Reef (EU-099) during their trip. Note: If heard or worked, 2J0WMG is valid for the ISWL's Monitor Award. The QSL route will be via our home calls as on QRZ.com. [Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

20/03/2008: Jack, F6BUM (www.f6bum.net) will be active again as 3W3M from Vietnam between March 20th and April 2nd. He plans to operate SSB and CW with 100 watts into a vertical antenna from the following three islands: March 20 (1000 UTC) - March 23 (0600 UTC) from Con Cô (AS-185, new one); March 25 (0800 UTC) - March 28 (0600 UTC) from Phu Quoc (AS-128); March 29 (1000 UTC) - April 2 (0600 UTC) from Dao Con (AS-130). Expect activity on 40, 30, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 meters. QSL via F6BUM, direct or bureau. [425 DX News]

24/03/2008: Harry, W6DXO will be active holiday style from St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands (NA-106) as KP2/W6DXO between March 24-28th. Focus will be on 20-10 meter SSB, with some CW. There is also the possibility of operation on 40 meters. QSL via KF6JOQ. [NG3K]

24/03/2008: Operators Bill/KX4WW, Vic/W4VIC, Noll/W9RN and Bruce/W4OV will be active March 24th to April 1st as VP5/homecall from Seaview Villa, Providenciales Island (NA-002), Turks & Caicos Islands. QRV

all bands and modes, including an entry in the CQ WPX SSB Contest (March 29-30th) using the special contest call sign VQ59W. QSL VQ59W via KX4WW direct only with SASE or $1 (Bill Walker, 1024 Vanderploeg Drive, Chesapeake, VA 23320 USA) - NO eQSL. QSL VP5/KX4WW via LOTW or direct only with $1 or SASE - NO eQSL. QSL VP5/W4VIC via LOTW or home call, direct or bureau - NO eQSL. QSL VP5/W9RN via home call, direct or bureau. QSL VP5/W4OV via home call, direct or bureau. Further information can be found at: vadxcg.com/VQ59W.htm [NG3K]

03/05/2008: Look for Provins ARS (F6KOP) crew members to be active from Corsica (EU-014, DIFM TK-001, MIA MCO-001, WLOTA LH-1390), May 3-10th. Operators mentioned are Thierry/F4TTR, Bruno/F5AGB, Bernard/F9IE, Jean Paul/F8BJI and Jean-Luc/F6BIV. They will use the call sign TK7C and be QRV 80-10m using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via F9IE, direct or bureau. [F5NQL]

24/05/2008: Jim, N6TJ will be active from the Canary Islands (AF-004) as EE8Z during the CQ WPX CW Contest (May 24-25th), as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via VE3HO. [NG3K]

24/05/2008: Operators OH0/PA2A (Steve), OH0/PA2AM (Wim), OH0/PA0VHA (Hans), OH0/PA3BAG (Jack), OH0/PA3ALK (Wil) and OH0/PB5A (Teun) will be active May 24th to June 6th from Aland Island (EU-002, also count for WLOTA LH-1373). QRV 160-10m, with three stations running at the same time, using SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK31. They will also participate in the CQ WPX CW Contest (May 24-25th). QSL via home calls, or direct only to PA0VHA (H. Vernhout, Ph. de Goedestraat 54, 3132 XR Vlaardingen, The Netherlands). Please no eQSL!! Further info can be found at: www.pa2am.nl/aland/index.htm [PA2AM]

09/06/2008: Ric, DL2VFR plans to be active from various locations of Iceland (EU-021, WLOTA LH-2975) using the call signs TF1/, TF5/ and TF6/homecall between June 9-19th. He also plans to activate Hrisey Island (EU-168) from 1800z June 10th to 1200z June 12th. QRV 80-10m using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via DARC bureau to home call. Further information at: www.iota-expedition.com/ice08/ice08.html [DL2VFR]

16/07/2008: From Frosy, K5LBU/C91CF - We have had one of our group drop out from the dxpedition to Mozambique this July. So we are looking for one or two that would like to join up with us. We plan on arriving in Maputo on July 16th where we will be picked up by the folks at the Blue Anchor Inn (WW Loc. KG64IE) where we will be operating from this July. They will take us back to the airport on July 31st for our return home. QRV 160-6 meters on CW, SSB, PSK and RTTY. Operators mentioned are Frosty/K5LBU (C91CF - QSL via K5LBU), Tom/NQ7R (C91TK - QSL via NQ7R), Jay/W5SL (call sign pending), Bill/NZ5N (call sign pending) and Hal/ZS6WB (call sign pending). The web site is up at ww.tdxs.net/C9.html so check it out and if you think you might like to become a member of our group let me hear from you. [K5LBU/C91CF]

17/07/2008: Franz, DL3PS and others will be active from various sections of Iceland as TF/homecall and TF7/homecall between July 17th and August 5th. Their plan is to visit Heimaey Island, Vestmannaeyjar [Westman Islands] (EU-071, WLOTA LH-0976), the Coastal Islands (EU-168) and the main island (EU-021, WLOTA LH-2975). QSL via home call(s), by the bureau is preferred. Stay tuned... Web site for this activity can be found at: www.iceland-dxpedition.de/ [RSGB IOTA]
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SPECIAL EVENTS -

- Czech. Republic, Special Event Station:
The special event station OL5COTA represents the "Castles on the Air" activities in the Czech. Republic and thus is the 2nd European call for COTA (Castles on the Air) activities after DR1COTA in Germany. QSL via bureau. Visit the OL5COTA Web site at: www.qth.cz/Default.aspx?alias=www.qth.cz/cotaen Also see the DR1COTA homepage for further information: www.cota-team-germany.com/home.html [DXNL]
Reminder - May 17-18, 2008 is "World Castles Activity Weekend". Further information will be posted closer to the activity.

17/02/2008: Look for UE3YAR to be aired February 17-24 to celebrate the Russian Army Day for the AFARU (Armed Forces Amateur Radio Union) activity programme. QSL via MM0DFV. [425 DX News]

18/02/2008: Fran?ois, F8DVD will be active February 18 to March 2nd from Macon, France, for the Antarctic Activity Week, using the special call TM8ANT (WAP-014). QRV on all HF bands, CW and SSB. QSL via F8DVD, direct (SAE + postage) or via the REF bureau. [F5NQL]

18/02/2008: Yuri Mirolyubov, RK3DSW operator at Molodezhnaya Base (1987) as 4K1A, will be active as RK3DSW/ANT (WAP-065), during the 5th AAW (February 18-24th) and will operate SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK31 on all bands. QSL via bureau or direct via: Yuri O. Mirolyubov RK3DSW, Box 57 Elektrostal 144000, Russia. [I1HYW]

21/02/2008: TM5H is the special call sign used by some members and friends of the AFRAH (The French Amateur Radio Society for the Disabled hams), now on the air until March 2nd. This activity includes participating in the French (REF) SSB Championship (February 23-24th). QRV on the HF bands, using CW and SSB. QSL via F5ABC (QRZ.com) with SAE + sufficient postage, or via the French U.R.C. QSL bureau (French U.R.C. QSL Bureau, B.P. 40148, 42012 St. Etienne cedex 2, FRANCE). [F5NQL]

01/03/2008: Look for special event station 8J50JARL to be aired March 1st to May 25th to commemorate the 50th JARL Annual General Meeting. Look for activity on all bands. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

01/03/2008: Special event station 8N1MOMO will be aired from March 1st to April 5th to celebrate the Koga-city Momo (or Peach) Festival. Look for activity on all bands. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

09/03/2008: Look for special event station 8J6HAM to be aired March 9th for the 7th Nishinihon (or West Japan) Ham Fair, located in Tosu-city, Saga-Prefecture, Japan. Look for activity on all bands. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

U.S.A. Special event station information can be found at: www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html
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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

20/02-26/02 PJ2DX: Curacao Island WLOTA:0942 QSL W0CG (d/b)
22/02-21/03 FR5EZ: La Reunion Island WLOTA:1812 QSL F8CHM (d/b)
23/02-24/02 C6ANM: New Providence (Nassau) WLOTA:1115 QSL LoTW
23/02-24/02 HI3C: Dominican Republic WLOTA:2974 QSL ON4IQ (d/b)
23/02-24/02 HI3T: Dominican Rep. WLOTA:2974 QSL ON4IQ (d/b)

23/02-24/02 IH9YMC: Isola Pantelleria WLOTA:0041 QSL Direct
23/02-24/02 IH9/W1NA: Isola Pantelleria WLOTA:0041 QSL W1NA (d/b)
25/02-15/03 SV9/DJ7RJ: Nisos Kriti-Crete WLOTA:1400 QSL DJ7RJ (d/b)
28/02-04/03 FJ/AH8DX: St. Barthelemy WLOTA:0377 QSL H/C (d/b)
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6M & Up

Hello dear EME-Freaks at the MMM-USER:
We want to inform you that Isao, JM1WBB, who will be avaiable as JM1BMP from QL17cc nowadays was so kind and passed MMMonVHF the EME-LOG up to 21st 0815 UTC because their own homepage is not available in europe. Please visit http://www.mmmonvhf.de/latest.php?id=1123 and find the calls which completed QSOs and the latest infos around the JD-activity! [MMMonVHF]

20/02/2008: Ross, VK1UN is getting QRV on EME soon from Afghanistan (Grid MM57) on 2m and 6m EME. The old YA prefix is no longer in use, so T6 is now the official prefix of Afghanistan. Ross, T61AA has been active on 20m SSB today, for approx 60 minutes. His QTH is Faizabad and will be there for up to 2 years. Ross is ex-VK1UN/VK8UN, 4W6UN and EX1UN. Present equipment is a Tokyo high power amplifier for HF/6m and also a new Acom for HF and 6m. Small antenna on 2m now (2x8ele), but will grow as weather permits. QSL via the information at QRZ.com. [F5NQL]

20/06/2008: Operators Jim/K4BI, Mario/K2ZD, Meredith/K8BBN and Daphne/N2TIN will be on a 6 meter only DXpedition to Cayman Islands (NA-016), June 20-July 8th. QRV with 50.095/B beacon and listening on 50.105 USB. Equipment will be FT-100D, Acom-1000 1KW amplifier and M2-5 element yagi at 48 feet. They will be using the call sign ZF2BI or ZF2ZD (still undecided). QSL via operator's instructions. [N8OFS]

05/08/2008: Dirk, ON4IMM will be on a holiday DXpedtion August 5-16th to a location new L'Epine, Ile de Noirmoutier (EU-064, DIFM AT-020 for the French Islands Award, WLOTA LH-1224, WW Loc. IN86UX) using the call sign F/ON4IMM. Focus will be on 144MHz meteor scatter, using IC-746 and RF Solutions 10 element yagi. Mode will be FSK441 - CQ with QSY frequency, main frequency will be 144.370MHz. Outside the meteor shower, Dirk will be QRV on the HF bands. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [MMMonVHF]
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TO5FJ QSL cards status (From Paul, F6EXV)
All the answers to direct cards received up to Feb 16th are mailed. Bureau cards will be answered when received from the French bureau (once a month)
73 Paul [F5NQL]

TR50R from January 2008: all direct request are in the mail. Logs are on: lesnouvellesdx.fr/voirlogs.php [F6AJA]

Gab, SU8BHI reports that he has a new QSL card design and has sent all direct QSLs in February 2008. Thank you the patience !
You can see new QSL design here: www.qsl.net/ha3jb/
Please write Gab an e-mail <ha3jb (at) t-email.hu> if you received or not received his direct QSL! [SU8BHI]

TR50R from January 2008: all direct request are in the mail. Logs are at: lesnouvellesdx.fr/voirlogs.php [F6AJA]

ARRL DXCC Desk Approves 3Y0E Operation (Feb 20, 2008) -- ARRL DXCC Manager Bill Moore, NC1L, reports that the 3Y0E DXpedition to Bouvet Island from December 2007-February 2008 has been approved for DXCC credit. "If you had cards rejected for this operation, please send an e-mail to the ARRL DXCC Desk (dxcc@arrl.org) to have your DXCC record updated," Moore said. [ARRL Amateur Radio News]

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AC6V, Silent Key -
(by N6MD 2008-02-16 22:33:18)
Sad News from Oceanside, CA and the Palomar Amateur Radio Club (San Diego Section). Rod Dinkins, AC6V has become a silent key. Rod was a well-known author of Amateur Radio Books, and creator of www.ac6v.com
He is survived by his XYL, Karla.
Our sincere condolences to Rod's family and friends.

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Kosova and Adding New Countries to DXCC

Feb 19, 2008 16:53 ET
Bill Moore, NC1L

Naturally there are many questions about the DXCC status of Kosova, and whether or not it will be added to the DXCC list.

The DXCC rules, which were modified in 2000 to better handle inclusion to DXCC, are clear on how additions can be made:

For inclusion in the DXCC List, conditions as set out below must be met. Listing is not contingent upon whether operation has occurred or will occur, but only upon the qualifications of the Entity.

Political Entities, Geographical Entities, Special Areas

#1, Political Entities is the category with which we are concerned with respect to Kosova.

1. Political Entities:

Political Entities are those areas which are separated by reason of government or political division. They generally contain an indigenous population which is not predominantly composed of military or scientific personnel.

An Entity will be added to the DXCC List as a Political Entity if it meets one or more of the following criteria:

a) The entity is a UN Member State.

b) The entity has been assigned a callsign prefix bloc by the ITU. (The exceptions to this rule are international organizations, such as the UN and ICAO. These Entities are classified under Special Areas, 3.a); and Ineligible Areas, 4.b).) A provisional prefix bloc assignment may be made by the Secretary General of ITU. Should such provisional assignments not be ratified later by the full ITU, the Entity will be removed from the DXCC List.

c) The Entity contains a permanent population, is administered by a local government, and is located at least 800 km from its parent. To satisfy the "permanent population" and "administered by a local government" criteria of this sub-section, an Entity must be listed on either (a) the U.S. Department of State's list of "Dependencies and Areas of Special Sovereignty" as having a local "Administrative Center,"

or (b) the United Nations list of "Non-Self-Governing Territories."

New Entities satisfying one or more of the conditions above will be added to the DXCC List by administrative action as of their "Event Date."

So, Kosovo will be added to the DXCC list if it becomes a member of the UN, or (2), if it receives a prefix bloc from the ITU. The third condition does not apply. The date upon which either (a) or (b) occurs will be the event date. [ARRL]

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